IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF CLAUDE LEON HEMBERT

FOR: DEVICE FOR PROTECTING A CONTAINER AND CONTAINER EQUIPPED THEREWITH

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

Prior to examining the indicated application, please amend as set forth herein.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper;

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper;

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 7; and

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.